

Challenging Choices

Key financial ideas

- ★ Sometimes you may need to explore a range of choices, including the financial cost of each choice.
- ★ Decision making means deciding on the best choice for you.

You need

- ★ a calculator (optional)
- ★ Internet access (if available)

Activity

I'm 12, so I'd have to pay an adult fare. I'll ask Dad if this means I can stay up later at night now!

\$218 for me to get to Brisbane isn't very much! We could save that, easy!

Hang on, that's only one way. You'd have to pay to get home again, too.

Economical Airways!

Lowest price guaranteed!
Christchurch to Brisbane
one way from
\$290 for adult*, \$218 for 2-11 years old*

*Additional airport and government costs (one way):
Passenger Movement Charge: \$46/adult, free/child
Passenger Security Charge: \$9.31/person
Safety and Security Charge: \$10/person
Passenger Service Charge International: \$24.60/person
Airport departure tax: \$25 per person, 12 years and over

Here's Easy Fly's Internet ad. It's for return fares including departure tax and all charges. That's \$745 for adults and \$550 for under-12s. It sounds an awful lot!

Wait a minute, what are all these extra charges down here in the small writing?

- 1 Work out how much it would cost the Murphy family, (Alana is 12, Caitlyn is 10, and Oscar is 8) for *each* pricing system, for their *return* flights from Christchurch to Brisbane:
 - a. for each person
 - b. in total.
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 - a. Why do you think companies advertise using the symbol * and small print?
 - b. What advice would you give someone about to book flights?
 - c. Use the Internet to find out what it might cost for your family to fly to Brisbane and back.

Reflective question

- ★ Why might the Murphys choose not to book the cheapest flights they can find?